

Meeting CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Date 16 October 2017 (commencing at 10.30am)

**Membership**

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

**COUNCILLORS**

Philip Owen (Chairman)  
Boyd Elliott (Vice-Chairman)  
Tracey Taylor (Vice-Chairman)

Samantha Deakin  
Kate Foale  
Errol Henry JP  
Vaughan Hopewell

John Peck JP  
Liz Plant  
Phil Rostance  
Sue Saddington

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS (NON-VOTING)**

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**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Marion Clay	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Tracey Coull	Children, Families and Cultural Services
David Ebbage	Resources
Steve Edwards	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Derek Higton	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Laurence Jones	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Pip Milbourne	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Colin Pettigrew	Children, Families and Cultural Services
Beth Richmond	Resources
Natasha Wrzesinski	Children, Families and Cultural Services

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2017 having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were signed by the Chair.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies

Councillor Foale replaced Councillor Henshaw for this meeting only.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

## **UPDATE ON REGULATORY INSPECTIONS OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

The report provided an update on the national and local developments in relation to regulatory inspections of children's services.

### **RESOLVED 2017/057**

- 1) That the preparatory activity for regulatory inspections of children's services that is underway be ratified.
- 2) That to receive a further update on regulatory inspections of children's services in six months' time be agreed.

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17**

The Chairman introduced the report and responded to questions and comments from Members.

### **RESOLVED 2017/058**

That:

- 1) the content of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board's Annual Report 2016/17, which is available as a Background Paper, be endorsed.
- 2) a report outlining further details in relation to the work of the Child Death Review Panel be presented to the Committee.

## **EDUCATION PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL AND CHAPERONE LICENCES FOR CHILDREN IN ENTERTAINMENT**

The Chairman introduced the report and updated the Committee on the impact of the amendment agreed in July 2015 to the threshold for issuing Penalty Notices to parents for their child's unauthorised absences from school and to seek approval to amend the Penalty Notice threshold for general unauthorised absence, as set out in paragraph 3 of the report

### **RESOLVED 2017/059**

That:

- 1) the Nottinghamshire Code of Conduct for issuing Education Penalty Notices so that if a child has in excess of 3 days (6 sessions) unauthorised absence during a 6 week period a notice can be issued be amended.
- 2) a letter be sent to all schools whose persistent absence is above the average for their phase (primary or secondary) and asks them to consider how their approach could be improved be agreed.

- 3) the charges for applications for a chaperone licence to £80 plus the cost of a Disclose and Barring Service check for professional applicants and £45 for volunteers be amended
- 4) the amount of Senior Professional Practitioner time available for chaperone licensing by five hours each week at an annual cost of £6,860 be increased.

### **NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK**

The Chairman introduced the report seeking approval to run an adoption recruitment campaign during National Adoption week commencing on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

#### **RESOLVED 2017/060**

That the adoption recruitment campaign goes live on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

### **NEW THREE-YEAR NATIONAL CAPITAL FUNDING PROGRAMME 'SPECIAL PROVISION CAPITAL GRANT' – TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S ALLOCATION**

The Chairman introduced the report and responded to questions and comments from Members.

#### **RESOLVED 2017/061**

That:

- 1) the proposed next steps, as detailed in paragraph 10, in order to access the Nottinghamshire allocation of the Specialist Provision Capital Grant be approved
- 2) the proposed consultation questions be approved
- 3) that the outcomes of the consultation are presented to the Committee in January 2018 with a proposed recommendation/s for approval be requested.

### **FIRST ANNUAL TACKLING EMERGING THREATS TO CHILDREN CONFERENCE**

The Chairman introduced the report and responded to questions and comments from Members.

#### **RESOLVED 2017/062**

That:

- 1) the Council supports the Tackling Emerging Threats to Children conference, which is taking place on 20 October 2017, to enable its positive messages to reach a wider audience.
- 2) as the event is being held during 'National Hate Crime Week', any media requests will be responded to by relevant senior officers.

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE JOINT HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

The Chairman introduced the report and invited Members of the Committee to respond to the consultation supporting the refresh of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

### **RESOLVED 2017/063**

That:

- 1) Members of the Committee respond to the consultation supporting the refresh of the Nottinghamshire Joint Health and wellbeing Strategy.
- 2) Members promote the consultation within their local constituencies, networks and to colleagues.

## **COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIES FOR THE FIRST ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOL AND TRANSFER FROM INFANT TO JUNIOR/PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2018, AND FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2019-2020**

The Chairman introduced the report seeking approval to run a publicity campaign to inform parents and families about applying for school places for September 2018 for children starting school for the first time (Reception) and transferring from infant school (Year 2) to junior/primary education (Year 3).

### **RESOLVED 2017/064**

That:

- 1) the publicity campaign to inform parents and families about applying for school places for September 2018 for children starting school for the first time (Reception) and transferring from infant school (Year 2) to junior/primary education (Year 3) be approved.
- 2) the communication strategy to inform stakeholders about the statutory consultation on Nottinghamshire County Council's proposed school admission arrangements 2019-2020 be approved.

## **COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY FOR THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT 4UTH AWARDS 2017**

The Chairman introduced the report seeking approval for the proposed productive media strategy surrounding the Nottinghamshire Outstanding Achievement 4Uth Awards 2017.

### **RESOLVED 2017/065**

That the proposed proactive media strategy surrounding the Nottinghamshire Outstanding Achievement 4Uth Awards is approved.

## **FOSTER CARER ITEM**

There were no items for discussion from foster carers.

## **WORK PROGRAMME**

### **RESOLVED 2017/066**

That the Committee's work programme be noted and updated as agreed.

The meeting closed at 11.25 am.

CHAIRMAN